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FOR AF/W FROM AMBAFSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP, MR (OULD DADDAH, MARIEM)

SUBJECT: PRIVATE VISIT OF MAURITANIAN PRESIDENTS WIFE TO U.S.

REF: STATE 212482

1. AMBASSADOR KOCHMAN AGREED AUGUST 28 TO RECOMMENDED CHANGE IN PROPOSED SCHEDULE (PARA 2 REFTEL). ASSUMING THERE IS EVENING FLIGHT FROM WASHINGTON TO TUCSON SEPTEMBER 15, KOCHMAN AGREES TO MOVING UP DEPARTURE TO WEDNESDAY EVENING IN ORDER PERMIT TWO DAY PROGRAM AT UNIVERSITY ARIZONA ON THURSDAY AND FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 16 AND 17. IN MY VIEW, LATE AFTERNOON DEPARTURE MIGHT BE EVEN BETTER, ENABLING MADAME OULD DADDAH TO GET AT LEAST A FEW HOURS OF SLEEP AFTER ARRIVAL IN TUCSON.

2. CHANGE OF PLACE AND CHANGE OF DATE, HOWEVER, INTRODUCE TWO NEW PROBLEMS (KOCHMAN REQUESTS AND AUTHORIZES YOU TO WORK OUT BEST POSSIBLE SOLUTION):

ONE - PHOENIX TO GRAND CANYON BY BUS OR CAR (KOCHMAN WANTS MADAME TO SEE AT LEAST PART OF US BY GROUND TRANSPORTATION) IS FEASIBLE, BUT TUCSON TO GRAND CANYON CLEARLY IS NOT. SUGGEST YOU MAY THEREFORE WISH TO PLAN EITHER TUCSON-PHOENIX BY PLANE CONTINUING ON TO GRAND CANYON BY CAR; OR TUCSON-CONFIDENTIAL

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PHOENIX BY CAR IF THERE ARE AGRICULTURAL PROJECTS TO

VISIT ON ROUTE, CONTINUING ON BY PLANE; OR TUCSON-
GRAND CANYON BY PLANE, WITH BUS OR CAR FOR TRIP FROM
GRAND CANYON TO LAS VEGAS AIRPORT TO PICK UP PLANE TO
LOS ANGELES.

TWO - SUGGEST YOU CONSIDER USING EXTRA DAY DERIVED
FROM EARLIER DC DEPARTURE TO OBTAIN LONGER VISIT TO
SAN FRANCISCO. THUS GRAND CANYON TO LA ON SUNDAY
NINETEENTH VICE MONDAY; LA TO FIRSCO WEDNESDAY TWENTY-
SECONSSVICE THURSDAY.

3. KOCHMAN REQUESTS YOU SEND HIM (VIA EMBASSY
NOUAKCHOTT) DETAILED PRGRAM FOR WASHINGTON SEGMENT
BY NOON GMT SEPTEMBER FIRST TO PERMIT HIM TO BRIEF
PRESIDENT IN DETAIL ON SEPTEMBER 2.

4. KOCHMAN ALSO REQUESTS YOU SEND HIM FIGURE FOR TOTAL
VROST OF STATESIDE AIR TRANSPORTATION VIA FIRST CLASS
FROM WASHINGTON AROUND FULL CIRCUIT TO NEW YORK FOR
THREE PERSONS: MADAME, AMBASSADOR, AND MRS. KOCHMAN.

(I SUSPECT HE HOPES TO GET SPECIAL ALLOCATION OF
PRESIDENCY FUNDS TO COVER TRANSPORTATION IF NOT
ENTIRE US VISIT).KD
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